## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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Secretary,
Jeff Andersen
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# Recent News Releases

KDHE Posts Overview of Plan and Invites Comments for VW Settlement

KDHE Announces
Recipients of Waste Tire
Recycling Grants

Public Health Warning
Issued for Topeka's Central
Park Lake Due to BlueGreen Algae

CDC Report Outlines State
Suicide Rates — Kansas
Ranks 19th Overall

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# Upcoming Events

June 12 - 14 Kansas Immunization Conference Salina, Annual Conference

Salina, Annual Conference hosted by the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

June 19-20 Kansas Empowering Youth and Young Adults Summit

(KEYSummit) Capitol Plaza
Hotel and Convention Center Topeka — how we can support
healthy futures for youth and
young adults

June 28 Governor's Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders KHI, Topeka

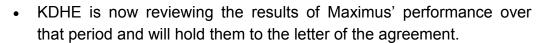
# **KanCare Update**

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On January 30, 2018, KDHE gave notice to Maximus, the state's Medicaid clearinghouse administrator, that it was not in compliance with the terms of its contract and thereby giving them six months to get back into compliance.

#### Since that notice:

- Maximus has submitted a compliance plan.
- KDHE has been tracking them, every day, against that plan.
- Maximus has shown signs of improvement.



We will keep you updated on our review and next steps with Maximus.



# Visit to Washington, D.C.

I recently visited Washington, D.C. to collaborate with local and federal partners on solutions for rural health care.



While there I met with staff from Kansas' Congressional delegation, including Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran and Representatives Lynn Jenkins, Ron Estes and Kevin Yoder.

Very good meetings working as a team for the state of Kansas.

View all of the **KDHE Legislative Updates** online at: http://www.kdheks.gov/administration/index.html

### **Division of Public Health**

# Governor's Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders

 KDHE Chief Medical Officer Dr. Greg Lakin hosted the second meeting on May 24th. Members reviewed and discussed the plans for their recommendations to the Governor regarding prevention and treatment options.

#### Lemonade for Life

Bureau of Family Health is offering trainings on <u>Lemonade</u>
 for <u>Life</u> (LFL) at no cost to providers. LFL is a
 trauma-informed, hope-infused approach to using Adverse
 Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research in our work to
 improve outcomes for children and families. Addressing
 ACEs is a key to supporting broad health and well-being in
 the state.

#### **KEYSummit - Kansas Empowering Youth and Adults**

 BFH is hosting an adolescent health summit in Topeka June 19-20. The KEYSummit will be an exciting opportunity to learn and share about how—collectively—we can be the keys that empower and lift up youth and young adults in Kansas, helping them to improve their lives and expand their vision of what is possible. Click here for more information.



# **Division of Health Care Finance**

#### State Employee Health Plan

 The State Employee Health Plan had an 8.5% decrease in total paid per claimant from 2016 to 2017.

### **Division of Environment**

#### Seismic Activity in Kansas

 On May 16<sup>th</sup> a public meeting was held in Hutchinson to discuss seismic activity in central and south-central Kansas. KDHE Bureau of Water (BOW), the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) attended and discussed how the agencies work collaboratively to monitor seismic activity in Kansas.

#### **Storage Tank Program**

 EPA Region 7 recently recognized KDHE's Storage Tanks Program for being substantially compliant with leaking underground storage tank corrective action requirements under the State Program Authorization.

#### Graham Co. Flooding (pictured below)

 Bureau of Waste Management provided technical assistance to KDEM and local governments regarding the management and disposal of debris generated by flooding in Graham and Gove Counties. KDHE provides guidance to counties regarding waste screening and to grant special approvals for disposal in the local county demolition debris landfill.



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